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1. A state glass factory was constructed in Kyomip'o (125-38, 38-44) between August 1948 and March 1949. Since March, the plant has been producing five mm. plate glass which is not of very good quality but is considered fit for local use.* Some of the glass is also being smuggled into South Korea.
2. The glass is made of silica sand obtained from the coastal areas of Monggump'o (124-46, 38-12) in Kwanghae Province, which previously supplied the glass factory in Pusan.

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- * Comment. This is the first production of plate glass in North Korea since the end of the war, although such glass products as bottles and ampoules have been manufactured previously.

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